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STAFF MEETING MINUTES - 31 March 1959

Personnel Present - Mr. Bissell
25X1A Col. Burke
Mr. Cunningham
Col. Geary
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Mr. Reber

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1. DEVELOPMENTAL FLIGHT TESTING PROCEDURES - Mr. Bissell reported the results of his discussions with Kelly Johnson in which procedures were re-affirmed as follows: that LAC has the responsibility for safety flight features, power plant and air frame; [redacted] has the responsibility for monitoring above functions and making recommendations for approvals and procedures. It was agreed that these recommendations would be made in the first instance to LAC.

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Mr. Bissell re-affirmed his desire to have a single individual authorized to give definite go-ahead on all spending. Historically, this was the original practice but due to splitting [redacted] function into R & D and Contracts, people drifted away from the one-person focal point. Mr. Bissell designated [redacted] as the focal point and asked that he name a deputy to act in his absence. [redacted] was asked to draw up a memorandum to contractors which would (1) explain internal organization (R & D, Materiel, Admin, etc.) as having monitoring responsibilities and (2) re-affirm the contracting office as central point of contact for approving costs.

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ACTION: [redacted]

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2. TEST STATUS BOARD - [redacted] proceeding according to schedule. The oxygen system chamber tests have started. Systems IV test for FOG will take place 1 April. Ground tests have started on System VII. Hydraulic pressure tests have been completed. Radio noise elimination tests are 90% completed.

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[redacted] in IRAN at LAC but consideration should be given to contracting [redacted] one unit capable of learning the power, frequency, disbursement, pulse rate, and RPF on new Russian radar. He felt that

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there was a general intelligence need which would justify the contract. However, first we should determine why it cannot be done with present equipment. A check should be made of the Navy requirement for the same equipment levied on Mr. Cunningham by Division D.

Flight tests of the equipment should be made particularly in view of the special interest to GUSTO program.

3. J-75 PROGRESS REPORT - A flight test proposal will be submitted 15 April. First flight test is programmed for 15 May.

Mr. Bissell directed Materiel to look at and evaluate Flyaway Kits recommended by Pratt-Whitney.

A program approval should be drawn up for J-75's.

ACTION: Materiel and Sections concerned.

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4. FE SURVEY TRIP - Team selected to depart 13 April for approximately 21 days. Will visit [redacted]
[redacted] Letter of Instruction to team and necessary messages will be drawn up.

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ACTION: [redacted]

(Note: This trip has been postponed.) 25X1A

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Colonel, USAF
Acting Chief, DPD-DD/P

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